

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Friday, September 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at Peoria City Council Chambers located at **8401 W. Monroe Street, Peoria, AZ 85345, AZ.** **The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain.** Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – 10:00 A.M.**
- B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
 - 1. Board Statement -** “As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION –** Upon a public majority vote, the Board may hold an Executive Session which is not open to the public for the following purposes:
 - 1. To discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.**
 - a. Vertes/Mead Property, Spur Cross Conservation Area, Maricopa County Parks, easement litigation.**
- D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC –** Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- E. CONSENT AGENDA –** The following items of a noncontroversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office, 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
 - 1. Approve Minutes of August 3, 2009 State Parks Board Meeting**
 - 2. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of August 3, 2009 State Parks Board Meeting**

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

G. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. Summary of Staff Funding Recommendations for Competitive Grant Programs

2 a. **Consider Funding the FY 2009 Recreational Trails Program (Motorized Portion) Grant Applications** – Staff recommends awarding \$521,560 to the three applications. All projects must complete the Section 106 requirements and obtain National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration.

10 b. **Consider Funding FY 2009 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Fund Grant Applications** – Staff recommends awarding \$4,780,000 to the City of Phoenix for the purchase of approximately 294.5 acres of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve – Priority 2C; \$470,000 to Pima County for the purchase of 67.17 acres of the Valencia Archaeological Site; and \$3,250,000 to the City of Scottsdale for the purchase of 398.91 acres of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The final grant amounts will be based on the Arizona State Land Department's (ASLD) final appraisal value of the parcels, agreed upon by the applicants, plus no more than 10% for eligible associated costs. This recommendation is conditioned upon the appraisals and parcel sizes being approved by the State Land Commissioner, and the applicants are the highest and best bidders at public auction.

The Conservation Acquisition Board unanimously concurred with the staff recommendation.

16 2. **Consider Adopting the Arizona Trails 2010: A Statewide Motorized and Non-motorized Trails Plan** – Staff recommends the Board adopt the *Arizona Trails 2010: A Statewide Motorized and Non-motorized Trails Plan*.

23 3. **Consider Delegation of Board Investment Authorities to the Arizona State Parks Executive Director** – Staff recommends that the Board delegate to the Executive Director, or designee, the authority to determine, in conjunction with the Treasurer's Office, the statutorily available investments that suit the goals of safety of principal while achieving the highest prudent yield for all ASP statutorily administered funds.

37 4. **Consider Proposed FY 2010 State Parks User Fees** – Staff recommends proceeding with public comment meetings pertaining to the proposed Arizona State Parks fee revision as presented.

47 5. **Consider Approval of a Lease for the Operation of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to enter into a lease with the City of Yuma for the operation of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park.

73 6. **Consider Operating Reductions to Park Operations due to Reduced Budget** – Staff recommends that the State Parks Board approve the park operating reductions as proposed; that the Board authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset or reduce costs, or enhance revenues; and that the State Parks Board support the Executive Director to make operational changes throughout

the year to meet expectations of visitors within the confines of the FY 2010 operational budget.

H. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation by the Hopi Tribe** – Time certain: 11:30 a.m. The Hopi Tribe have requested time to speak to the Parks Board on issues regarding Homolovi Historic State Park.
- 79 2. **Morrison Institute Study Update**
- 80 3. **Update on Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force**
4. **Legislative Update** – Staff will present a legislative update.
5. **Update on Park Construction Projects** – Staff will present an update on Park Construction Projects

BREAK FOR LUNCH – TIME CERTAIN – 12:15 P.M.

I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Board will participate in a Strategic Planning Session on October 29, 2009 at a place to be determined.
2. Staff recommends that the next meeting be held on November 13, 2009 at the Carnegie Library Auditorium.
3. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.
 - a. Recognition Award(s)

J. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the acting ADA Coordinator, Karen Farias, (602)364-0632; or TTY(602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

APPROVED:

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